



Board of Trustees Action Items

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Board Approves 2012 Budget – The Board of Trustees adopted the Town of Erie's Budget for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2012. Total operating expenditures for 2012 are \$28,587,400. Starting the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14, 2011, a copy of the [Adopted 2012 Budget](#) will be available for online viewing.

BACKGROUND: The Board received the proposed 2012 Budget on October 14, 2011. This budget has been discussed at several Board Study Sessions and Regular Board of Trustees meetings.

Board Certifies Town of Erie Property Taxes for 2012 – Pursuant to Colorado State Statutes, the Town has calculated the 2012 Operating Mill Levy to be 7.288. This property tax rate is the same as the 2011 Operating Mill Levy. The Trails and Natural Areas mill levy and the Erie Community Center mill levy will be certified as 4.000 mills and 5.858 mills respectively for the 2012 Tax Collection Year. The total mill levy certified to each county is 17.146 for the 2012 Tax Collection Year. This represents a decrease of 0.230 in mill levy from the 2011 Tax Collection Year. For example, if you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.

BACKGROUND: Erie voters approved an additional mill levy for trails and natural areas beginning in 2005. The purpose of this mill levy is the construction and acquisition trails and natural areas. Erie voters approved an additional mill levy for debt service on the general obligation bonds for the Erie Community Center. For information regarding additional property taxes levied by jurisdictions other than the Town of Erie, please select from the following links:

[Boulder County Assessor's Office](#)

[Weld County Assessor's Office](#)

Board Approves Supplemental Appropriations for 2011 – The Board approved the 2011 Supplemental Appropriation Request for December which represents staff's conservative and prudent estimates for providing on-going, quality services to customers for 2011. This Supplemental

Appropriation includes total revenues amounting to \$30.4 million, an increase of \$370,560 over the Amended 2011 Budget. The Supplemental Appropriation includes expenditures amounting to \$48.4 million in all funds. This represents an increase of \$492,839 from the 2011 Amended Budget.

BACKGROUND: At least twice yearly, staff reviews the adopted budget and year-to-date actual revenues and expenditures. Based on these reviews, staff requests supplemental appropriations to update the budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures of the prior and current year, year-to-date Board of Trustee actions, and projected revenues and expenditures for the remaining fiscal year.

Select this link to view the document [Supplemental Appropriations – December 2011](#)

Board Approves Coyote Reference Guide – The Board approved a coyote reference guide to promote an understanding of the concept of coexistence with coyotes and to provide information to assist the public in reducing human/coyote conflicts. The guide also seeks to achieve a balance between the importance of public safety and the value of wildlife to Erie's prairie ecosystem and community as a whole. The reference guide which encourages proactive measures to minimize conflict is available on the "[Coyotes FAQ](#)" page of the Town's website.

Top 10 Proactive Measures to Minimize Human/Coyote Conflict

1. Never feed coyotes.
2. Feed cats and dogs, as well as other pets, indoors.
3. Keep garbage and compost in securely closed cans or inside a storage area.
4. Keep cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night.
5. Keep dogs on short leashes while walking and attended outside.
6. Take a walking stick, pepper spray or other non-lethal means to repel coyotes while on trails.
7. Clean under bird feeders and make certain that feeders are out of reach of coyotes.
8. Clean barbeque grills regularly, including the ground around the grill.
9. Secure and maintain fences in good working order. *(Do not assume fence will keep coyote out)*
10. Have noisemakers available to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard.

Mayor Wilson Presents Young Patriots Award – Mayor Wilson presented the Young Patriots Award to students from Black Rock Elementary who led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Students present included: Witt Unruh, Grace Gorton, Kate Knudsen, Pam Rodgers and Tanner David.



Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 2012 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

More Information – Board of Trustees Action Items are brief summaries of some, but not all, agenda items and do not serve as the official meeting minutes. Select this link to view archived Board of Trustees meeting online via the Town's [On Demand Video](#) service. To request approved meeting minutes of Board of Trustees meetings, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at nparker@erieco.gov .

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